

It has become increasingly difficult in this country to be adequately informed as a responsible citizen. The media functions more and more as a collection of "outlets", like side-by-side storefronts in a discount mall offering the cheapest product for the lowest price. Quality of content is less and less a consideration as television, radio and print passes along pre-produced material. What seems to be more important is providing client access to the consumer, whether that client is a wealthy corporation eager to enroll new consumers or a paternalistic federal government offering to "do the right thing" about regulation in exchange for uncritical regurgitation of the official position.

That is not how this country became successful and strong. That is how a handful of people have become wealthy at the expense of their fellow citizens. Who does the FCC now represent? Do the citizens of this nation still own the right to be fully informed participants in a self-governing country or has that right been overridden by the desires of the few to have amass wealth at any cost?

The current regulations regarding the media must be preserved. If any change is necessary, the level of regulation should be increased to ensure that access to the media is expanded and so that more, not less, information reaches the American people by way of American media.